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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF -ROMANIAN FLOOD

1. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP RATIONAL PLAN OF MODEST ASSISTANCE TO ROMANIA IN WAKE OF FLOOD DAMAGE WHICH THE PRESIDENT COULD REVEAL DURING HIS VISIT OR WHICH COULD BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE VISIT. EMBASSY COMMENT ON ISSUES RAISED BELOW AS WELL AS TIMING OF ADVICE TO GOR OF ASSISTANCE WOULD HELP IN THIS PROCESS. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WHICH EMBASSY MAY HAVE WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ON EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND PROSPECTIVE NEEDS, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT US ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

2. FOOD ASSISTANCE. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY FEEDGRAINS FOR
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ANIMALS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR GRANT UNDER PL-480 TITLE II.

IF THERE IS NEED, HOWEVER, WE WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SOME GRANT FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. OUR CURRENT IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AT THIS TIME. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. OTHER GRANT ASSISTANCE - WE NOTE THAT MICULESCU AND OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED POSSIBLE NEED FOR SEEDS. THIS MIGHT BE AN AREA IN WHICH WE COULD MAKE A DONATION. THIS WOULD DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF AID FUNDS AS WELL AS SEED SUPPLIES AVAILABLE IN STOCK. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE NEEDS IN THIS AREA, PLEASE SUPPLY PLANTING DATES, VARIETIES, AND POTENTIAL QUANTITIES FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

4. CCC CREDITS - FEEDGRAINS ARE NOT CURRENTLY ON THE LIST ELIGIBLE LIST OF COMMODITIES, BUT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY MAY BE PLACED ON LIST BY MID-SEPTEMBER. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING CCC CREDIT FOR FEED- GRAINS DURING A TIME FRAME WHICH WOULD HELP MEET ROMANIAN NEEDS. COMMODITIES NOW ON ELIGIBLE LIST FOR CCC CREDIT INCLUDE: COTTON, WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR, SOYYEAN OIL, BEEF AND DAIRY BREEDING CATTLE, DRY BEANS, NON-FAT DRIED MILK, BROWN AND MILLED RICE. DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO ROMANIANS? KISSINGER

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